REMARKS

The Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute Claims 26-44, directed to Group I of the Restriction Requirement. The Examiner may withdraw Claims 45-50, without prejudice to their rejoinder and/or prosecution in a Divisional Application.

Swift and favorable consideration of the instant application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Postal Card Receipt; appropriate fee for one (1) month extension of

time.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED (DUE TO OMISSION, DEFICIENCY, OR OTHERWISE), OR TO CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT, TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 08,3220.